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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 April 2007.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 18-26 and 35-52 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 18-26 and 35-52 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

CLAIMS 18-26 AND 35-52 ARE PRESENTED FOR EXAMINATION

Applicants' amendment, (with attachments), and Information Disclosure Statement filed April 25, 2007 have been received and entered into the application. Accordingly, claims 18, 25, 35 and 42 have been amended; claims 27-34 have been canceled; and claims 44-52 have been added. Also, as reflected by the attached, completed copies of form PTO/SB/08, (3 sheets), the cited references have been considered.

In view of Applicants' remarks, the teachings of Exhibit 1, (FDA Approved Labeling Text for zonisamide), and amendments, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraph and under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Ayala, (*Epilepsia*, Vol. 41, Suppl. 7 2000), and over Coffin et al., (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0025038), either taken alone or in combination with Shank, (U.S. Patent No. 6,071,537) and Anderson et al., (U.S. Patent No. 6,437,147), as maintained in the previous Office action dated January 26, 2007, have been overcome and are therefor here withdrawn.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejection - 35 USC § 102

Claims 18-26 and 35-52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Jennings, (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0029941), already of record, for the reasons of record as maintained in the previous Office action dated January 26, 2007, as applied to claims 18-43, which reasons are here incorporated by reference.

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Applicants' remarks have been carefully considered, but fail to persuade the Examiner of error in maintaining this rejection.

In particular, Applicants' offer to swear behind Jennings cannot take the place of a proper showing of priority, (MPEP § 2304.02(c), 37 CFR 41.202 and 37 CFR 1.130-1.132). Accordingly, based on the content of the present record, Jennings remains a proper reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e).

Request for Interference

Applicants have reminded the Office that a request for interference between the present application and Jennings has been made of record in a submission filed by Applicants on April 23, 2004.

Consideration of a potential interference is premature because examination of neither this application nor the Jennings application has been completed as required by 37 CFR 41.102(a), (see MPEP § 2303).

Double Patenting

Provisional

I Claims 18-26 and 35-52 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 18-34 of copending Application No. 11/058,981, for the reasons of record as maintained in the previous Office action dated January 26, 2007, as applied to claims 18-43, which reasons are here incorporated by reference.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

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II Claims 18-26 and 35-52 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 18-34 of copending Application No. 11/059,027, for the reasons of record as maintained in the previous Office action dated January 26, 2007, as applied to claims 18-43, which reasons are here incorporated by reference.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

III Claims 18-26 and 35-52 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 18-34 of copending Application No. 11/034,316, for the reasons of record as maintained in the previous Office action dated January 26, 2007, as applied to claims 18-43, which reasons are here incorporated by reference.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Non-Provisional

Claims 18-26 and 35-52 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 7,109,198, already of record, for the reasons of record as maintained in the previous Office action dated January 26, 2007, as applied to claims 18-43, which reasons are here incorporated by reference.

Applicants' Remarks

Applicants' request to hold the above double-patenting rejections in abeyance is noted. Insofar as persuasive arguments or properly executed terminal disclaimers have not been filed, the rejections are deemed to remain proper.

None of the claims are currently in condition for allowance.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicants are reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

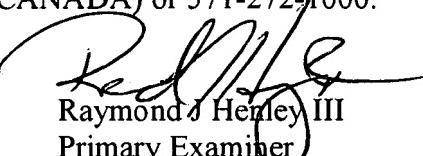
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raymond J. Henley III whose telephone number is 571-272-0575. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Eastern Time.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ardin H. Marschel can be reached on 571-272-0718. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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